

have been in, they keep promising, oh, we will do redistricting. And every year they don't. And every year this process continues, and at some point in time, the Legislature has to take a grip on these matters and say, we are going to stop wasting money this way. We are going to stop wasting money this way. We put a million dollars into an intermediate court this year. We are putting more dollars into a referee system. We are putting all kinds of money into the judicial system. By golly, we should not be wasting it on district court judges who sit around and don't have enough to do. This makes no sense whatsoever to do this. I hope you will give serious consideration to the amendment. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. I will now recognize senators in the following order, Senator Chizek, Wickersham, Robak, and Moore. Senator Chizek.

SENATOR CHIZEK: Madam President and colleagues, I rise to oppose Senator Beutler's amendment. Basically, colleagues, Senator Beutler has talked about some things that are not inaccurate. Senator Beutler is like a bulldog I used to have. He kind of gets ahold of your leg and shakes and he is not going to let go until he shakes something out, and I commend him for that. But this year we had three redistricting bills, LB 515, LB 516, and LB 637. We had kind of a tentative agreement with the Chief Justice and the district judge that heads up a committee on redistricting, plus an interim study this summer, and I know Senator Beutler will say it has been studied to death. However, the court and the judges have told me they will bring back a plan for us to consider next year. As a result of that, I feel like I, at least, have made a commitment and perhaps some of the members on the committee feel that they might have made a commitment to at least look at the plan that the court presents before we do anything. Now Senator Beutler had indicated that over the years it had been studied to death. There had been people who were going to submit plans from the court. I can't address that, colleagues. I was not there then. I was not there then. When the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court and a district judge, who heads up a committee, tells me, as the chairman of a committee, that they will present to us for our consideration next year a redistricting plan, I accept their word that they will. I would ask that you help me in rejecting these amendments. As I said, we will be dealing with the study. The court will be bringing back to the committee this coming year recommendations which we may not buy, colleagues, but at